



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 25 June 2021

Our theme for next week is Healing Mark 4: 21 – 24, 35 – 43

For a time, Jairus had to walk in the dark, with only the flame of faith. Ask for this grace, to have faith.
(Pope Francis, 27 May 2021)

Jairus, a Jewish official, is an unlikely person to be begging Jesus for help. However, this is exactly what he does in this week's Gospel. He is afraid when he is told that his daughter is dead, but Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid; only have faith". Jesus says this at least 70 times in his ministry. It is not easy to accept this message. We know that when someone close to us is extremely ill, we are afraid. We hope and pray that they will recover, and we thank God when they do. When we lose a loved one, we grieve deeply. Jesus grieves with us. He loves each of us and we are precious to him. When we die, we rise again with God. This is his promise. The words to Jairus are for all of us, "Do not be afraid, only have faith".

Let us say the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Amen

COVID 19 LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING

We have been very much reminded of our responsibility to all of our school community to keep testing children twice a week. The message from government is very clear and is copied below:

Please continue to encourage your staff, secondary age children and college students to take part in asymptomatic testing.

With only a few weeks of the summer term remaining, it is vital that school and college staff and students continue to test twice a week until the end of term. Testing should continue to be a routine part of the week and the [reporting of COVID-19 test results](#) remains essential as we move towards Step 4 and maintain face-to-face education until the end of term.

THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

I just wanted to take this time to thank you all for your amazing support given to myself and 7A following the bake sale. There were so many cakes that we had to hold it over 2 days!! Thank you to all of the pupils, staff, parents, carers and grandparents that contributed to this amazing cause. Overall, we raised £205 which will now be sent to The Little Princess Trust! This will make a massive difference to a young person's life. Thank you again. Mrs Sewell <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

MARAFIKI GARDENING NEWS

There has been quite a bit going on within the Marafiki garden in recent weeks.

Following a bid made to the school development fund, the Marafiki gardeners have made (from scratch), assembled and painted 3 new benches. These benches can now be enjoyed by our gardeners but also allow us a space to continue to develop the garden as an outside space, giving the pupils a place to work but also a place to take time to enjoy the garden. With all the lovely weather we have recently had, the garden is starting to bloom. This has meant that the gardeners have spent more time tending to the garden and the surrounding areas. In the upcoming weeks, the flowers in the garden will continue to bloom, and these will be shared within the school community adding a bit of colour to desks around school, boosting staff and pupil wellbeing. Looking forward, in September, the garden is hoping to host a potato day where our home-grown potatoes will be baked and shared with our local community. More details to follow.

MARAFIKI CHILLI CHALLENGE

The Marafiki garden is continuing to follow the RHS schools' campaign and they have set us the Chilli Challenge! The Marafiki gardeners have been looking after a number of chilli plants that have been donated to the garden and are almost ready to go to their new homes. They need your care and nurturing. The Marafiki gardeners will be selling the plants off for £3 **BUT** want to set you a challenge too! Prizes will be awarded for:

- The plant with the most chillies.
- The weirdest shape chilli
- The biggest/longest chilli
- The tastiest sounding recipe
- The weirdest recipe using your chillies (proof of it being used will also be needed)

Please send your pictures and recipes to kse@olchs.lancs.sch.uk. These will be judged by Mr Ranson in September. A deadline for all entries will follow. Following on from the sale, the Marafiki gardeners will be sharing recipes with you with what you can do with your chillies. The plants will be on sale on Thursday, 1 July. Good luck.

PRACTICAL AT HOME

This week you can make a gas propelled boat using neutralisation reactions. If you make more than one you could have a race.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

The UK is increasing the renewable electricity that we generate through wind farms. Find out more below:

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Recently there have been a number of observations in the ocean from the really small to the really big. Have a look below to find out about a rare sea horse and killer whales.

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Dates to remember

Thursday, 8 July – Sports Day

Friday, 16 July – School closes for summer at 12.45 pm

Thursday, 2 September – Year 7 and 11 pupils return to school

Friday, 3 September – all pupils return to school

Friday, 8 October – INSET day

Friday, 22 October – School closes for half-term